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Minor injuries... No one was seriously hurt in this small Mercury when it hit a Lincoln, Continental on SR 715 last Monday about 11:30 a.m. The driver of the Lincoln, Gloria Ramos, of Pahokee was taken to Glades General Hospital as was the passenger in the Mercury, Driver Felicitas Garcia, 26, struck the back end of the Lincoln. She was charged with violation of a driver's license restriction.

Talisman land purchase closes

Everglades restoration can move forward with the closing of the \$152 million Talisman property in the Everglades Agricultural Area. With funding from the federal and state governments, the South Florida Water Management District will take title to the more than 63,000 acres of farmland south of Lake Okechobee.

Governor Jeb Bush said, "Completion of the Talisman deal allows us to move forward promptly to design and build a large-scale water-storage reservoir that will be a foundation for Everglades restoration."

Together with Secretary Babbits and the Congress, I will do all I can to ensure that construction of the reservoir begins on schedule.

The property will be used to cleanse water entering the Everglades and to provide additional water storage. Owned by the St. Joe Company, the acreage will be part of a land exchange plan among the South Florida Water management District, U.S. Sugar Corporation, Florida Crystals Corporation, the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, and Knight Holdings Ltd.

"Today's action will go a long way toward ensuring that water is delivered at the right time, in the right amount, and of sufficient quality to nourish and restore the interconnected South Florida ecosystem," said Bruce Babbitt, U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

Michael Collins, chairman of the District's Governing Board, also lauded the cooperation of all parties involved, citing it as "tangible evidence that governmental agencies, private landowners, and other interests can come together to protect our natural resources."

Deadline fast approaching for two city commission seats in Pahokee

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

For anyone interested in running for the Pahokee city commission, you have today and tomorrow at 5 p.m. to "throw your hat into the ring."

Qualifying for the two upcoming commission seats will end on April 2. So far incumbents Roy Singletary, group 2 and Henry Crawford, group 1 have already qualified to run again for their

seats on the commission.

Mr. Singletary, of 250 S. Lake Avenue, will serve his seventh term if unopposed. He is presently the vice-mayor for the city.

Mr. Singletary works at the Pahokee Youth Development Center and owns Roy's TV Service.

Henry Crawford Jr. lives at 287 Annona Avenue.

Mr. Crawford has served one year on the commission, taking the place of John Norman who

resigned from his seat before running for mayor. Mr. Crawford works for Osceola Farms and owns Crawford Trucking.

To qualify for a commission seat, residents must live in the city, be 18 years or older and be a registered voter. Commissioners are paid \$4,800 per year.

There are 2,321 registered voters in the City of Pahokee.

Voter registration deadline is Monday, April 5, 1999 at 5 p.m.

Sale of Glades General Hospital approved by Health Care District

The Health Care District board unanimously voted last Wednesday to sell Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade to Province Healthcare.

Based in Tennessee, Province owns many rural hospitals. They will pay the district \$10 million for the hospital at signing and another \$1 million annually for five years.

Province has agreed in the contract that if Glades General generates \$7.2 million or more in revenues in any two of the first five years of ownership, they will spend \$28 million to build a new hospital in the Glades. If revenue numbers do not reach the projected numbers, Province will just have to upgrade the existing hospital.

The closing date for the purchase has been set for April 11, due to minor changes needed in the contract.

Officials with Province have said they do not plan to reduce the staff at the 73-bed facility and will appoint a local board which will make recommendations to the new owners.

The company also agreed to spend at least \$20.5 million on renovations to the hospital by 2019, unless it builds a new hospital.

Since the closing of Everglades Regional Medical Center last year, Glades General is the only hospital in western Palm Beach County. The memorial wing of the hospital was built in the mid-1940s and currently has 250 full-time employees.

Pahokee woman still critical after Friday's accident

Faye Covington, 40, of Canal Point, is still listed in critical condition after an accident on Friday, March 26.

Florida Highway Patrol officials say witnesses told them Ms. Covington stepped into the path of a tractor-trailer on U.S. 441 about 6:20 p.m. It was reported Ms. Covington put down a bag she was carrying and stepped into the path of a truck driven by Robert Michael Morgan, 38, of Vero Beach.

Morgan told police he swerved to avoid hitting Ms. Covington but the right side of the truck struck her. Morgan's trailer was then struck in the rear by a car driven by Margaret Davis, 36, of Belle Glade.

Morgan and Davis were not injured in the accident. Ms. Covington was taken by Trauma Hawk to St. Mary's Medical Center where her condition was still listed as critical on Tuesday.

Canal Point man dies in accident on SR 15

James R. Matherly Jr., 26, of Canal Point died Saturday morning about 3 a.m. when another driver crossed the center line and hit his 1990 Nissan on State Road 15 north of Pahokee.

Florida Highway Patrol officials say Mr. Matherly

was southbound on SR 15 when the other driver, Angel Cervantes, 24, of Pahokee collided with him.

Cervantes, who was driving a 1984 GMC pickup, was treated at St. Mary's Medical Center and released later in the day.

FHP officials say neither

driver were wearing a seat belt. Charges are pending in the accident.

Funeral services for Mr. Matherly are this afternoon at 5 p.m. in the chapel of the James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Pahokee. Interment will be in Louisville, Kentucky.



The Pahokee Middle/Senior High School Columbian Dance group entertained spectators at the I Love Pahokee Low Country Boil & Fish Fry held Saturday, March 27 on the bank of Lake Okechobee.

Strategies used by the task force in ecosystem restoration

Third in a series
By TWILA VALENTINE

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force was formalized and expanded to include tribal, state and local governments and was legislated in the 1996 Water Resources Development Act. In this current form, it is serving as a clearing house, referee, and coordinating entity. It is designed to help guide the restoration effort by all the various governments and groups, keep the ef-

forts on track and ensure fiscal accountability.

At the present time, the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force is overseeing the work of the Everglades Forever Act, the Kissimmee River Restoration Project, the Central & South Florida Restudy, and other efforts that are underway by federal, state, and academic entities.

The South Florida Ecosystem Restoration and Sustainability project consists of nearly 200

environmental restoration, growth management, agricultural, and urban revitalization projects, programs, and initiatives that are designed to make South Florida more sustainable in the future.

In this third part of a series, we look at the three strategies that are being used by the task force, and all the other involved agencies and organizations to bring about the restoration ef-

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Easter Egg Hunt
The Gents of Belle Glade will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 4 at 4 p.m. at the Lake Shore Pool/Boys & Girls Club. Refreshments will be served. Coordinator: Bobby Kendall says children are invited to attend.

Community Easter Sunrise Service
Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, April 4 at Belle Glade City Hall at 7 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Desmond Harriott will sing the message.

Services at Miracle Temple Church
Easter services will be held

at Miracle Temple Church with Evangelist David Turner from Tunnel Hill, Georgia starting Sunday, April 4 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Services will continue Monday, April 5 through Sunday, April 11 at 7 p.m. each evening.

Pastor Alvin E. Nichols invites everyone to attend. The church is located at 104 S.W. 16th Street (SR 715) Belle Glade.

Seniors only Easter Egg Hunt
The West County Senior Citizens Center will host an Easter Egg Hunt for seniors on Friday, April 2 at Rardin Park from 10 a.m. to noon. The center, located at 2818 State Road 15 in Belle Glade, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and lunch is served daily at noon. Seniors are offered exercise classes, music and educational programs. For more information call the center at 966-3748.

Children's Black Gold Fishing is April 17
Parents of children up to age 15 are invited to sign their youngsters up for the annual Black Gold Jubilee Children's Fishing Contest. The event will be held Saturday, April 17 at the Belle Glade Marina. Registration is from 7 a.m. and fishing begins at 8 a.m. Bait is provided free for the children, but they must bring their own pole. Lunch is also provided free for the children and the Glades ABC will be selling hamburgers for the adults.

Application forms are available at Belle Glade City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information call the Chamber at 966-3748.



Gove Elementary School hosted "America Goes Back To School," a career day for students on Thursday, March 25. Glades General Hospital had a table where they showed the students about the skeletal system and let them hear their heartbeat. CNA Felicia Simmons is shown letting first grader Markese Betanzos hear his heartbeat.

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forts of this unique ecosystem. Restoration efforts are guided by three linked strategies: Adaptive Management; Innovative Management; and Action. Adaptive Management. Restoration participants recognize that not all the data needed to restore the ecosystem is in hand. They also recognize the need to move forward. Therefore, restoration efforts employ an overall strategy that implements action where possible, while continuing to collect and refine data. This iterative, feedback approach, termed adaptive management, relies heavily on predictive modeling and support studies to identify management alternatives and evaluate their potentials. It also employs extensive monitoring to assess the progress of management actions and to provide feedback for refining both restoration actions and predictive models. This approach provides the structure for initiating critical

projects immediately, the flexibility to modify activities when needed, and the coordination to ensure accountability.

Innovative Management. The restoration effort further recognizes that decisions must be based on sound science. Yet, science alone is not the answer. Using systemwide management techniques that deal with issues holistically, are outcome-oriented, and overcome institutional barriers are also important. Because the ecosystem does not recognize governmental jurisdictions, successful restoration efforts must also employ integrated management to coordinate the activities of federal, state, tribal, regional, and local governmental entities and to find ways to streamline management and funding. Finally, broad-based partnership and public outreach are essential for building a consensus on needed actions and for maintaining good lines of communication with the public and among restoration partners.

Action. Critical projects are

underway to restore the regional hydropattern, recover endangered species and habitats, and revitalize urban cores and manage growth. Projects like the Kissimmee River Restoration Project, Everglades Construction Program, and the Water Preserve Areas Project demonstrate that more natural hydropatterns can be reestablished.

The Multi-Species Recovery Project underscores the need to address issues holistically and on a regionwide basis. The innovative Eastward Hol Initiative shows how public, private and governmental entities can work together to breathe new life into urban areas and foster more sustainable lifestyles.

Finally, the South Dade Land Use/Water Management Planning Project and the Florida Keys Carrying Capacity Study provide excellent examples for a more sustainable future. These ambitious projects show that a sustainable South Florida can be a reality.

U.S. Sugar wins Safety Awards

United States Sugar Corporation received two awards for its safety record in sugar cane operations and citrus plant operations from the Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. at the Second Annual Safety Awards Program on March 30.

U.S. Sugar, along with 20 other companies, was honored at a luncheon in the Airport Hilton in Palm Beach. The Safety Council of Palm Beach, Inc., a 300-member chapter of the National Safety Council, recognizes the outstanding achievement of local companies in employee safety programs in 10 industry categories, with a total of 24 awards granted.

United States Sugar Corporation of Clewiston received the *Award of Merit* for the company's safety practices, and its Southern Gardens Citrus Processing subsidiary received the *Award of Excellence for Worker Safety* in their plant operations.

The company is pro-active in employee health and safety,

but the real credit goes to employees who are the ones that make the programs work. There is weekly participation in safety meetings, on-going training, inspection programs, and specific safety measures adopted in every division of the company," said Peter Briggs, vice president, Environmental Compliance and Programs.

The driver safety programs operating at U.S. Sugar include safety awareness training for all vehicle operators; CDL license; written and driving skills tests; annual refresher training programs; mandatory seat-belt usage; pre-employment and random drug testing; routine vehicle maintenance; accident investigation of all collisions; and the establishment of safety rules and procedures for all operators in the fields.

U.S. Sugar Corporation's overall safety has improved throughout the years, seeing both a 12 percent drop in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cases and

and 26 percent decrease in accidents from 1997 to 1998.

Plant operations at Southern Gardens have seen an 18 percent drop in accident cases, and the number of OSHA safety violations (zero) has been below the industry average for the past several years. With figures far below the industry standards, the Safety Council awarded Southern Gardens with excellence in achievement.

Southern Gardens' team approach to safety includes employee participation in environmental and safety coordination meetings, near miss reporting, monthly behavioral and facility evaluations, and emergency response team training.

An employee-owned company with more than 3,000 employees, U.S. Sugar Corporation conducts intensive health and safety training programs throughout its sugar cane growing, harvesting, milling, and refining operations and citrus groves, harvesting and processing facilities.

Get ready for spring, and possibly hail

By Mike Lyons

I have a huge smile on my face every time I walk into the back yard, reach into our grapefruit tree and pick my breakfast. It is one of life's little pleasures, the opportunity to enjoy fresh fruit while other parts of the country are knee-deep in snow.

This year, in particular, our grapefruit tree has been very prolific, producing dozens of large, juicy, sweet-tasting fruit. Just when I think the tree is done for the year, another handful of grapefruits pop out the branches.

There is nothing unusual about grapefruit in Florida unless it happens to be grapefruit-sized hail. Six years ago this week huge hailstones - the size of grapefruits - bombed Orlando, causing \$60 million in damage to the area's nursery industry.

It was the city's worst natural disaster. Even Hurricane Donna in 1960 had not produced as much damage. Hail accumulated several feet in some areas, requiring bulldozers to clean up the mess.

Hail is a sphere of ice that falls from spring and summer thunderstorms. It forms from small frozen raindrops that are continuously recycled through multiple updrafts and downdrafts in the storm. The hail accumulates new layers of ice until it becomes so heavy that it can no longer be supported in the cloud.

Every part of Florida-even Key West- has experienced



Mike Lyons

hail yet, it is not nearly as common here as it is in other states. While Florida has more thunderstorms than any other part of the country, our warm summer weather often prevents hail from reaching the ground.

In July, August and September, when the atmosphere is primed to produce hail, there is often a thick layer of warm air at the surface which melts the hail before it can reach the ground. In addition, the freezing level - that part of the atmosphere where the temperature is 32 degrees or lower - is often found much higher in the atmosphere during our summer, preventing the formation of hail.

It is during the spring months that hail is more common in the Sunshine State. National Weather Service statistics report that May is Florida's number one hail month, followed by June and April. These three months account for 60

percent of all hailstorms in the state.

Hail is much more common in Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming, a region that experiences so many hailstorms that it has been called "hail alley." Statistically, Cheyenne, Wyoming is the hail capital of the United States, with an average of 10 hailstorms each year.

Hail damage to agricultural crops is extensive in the United States, with an average of \$700 million each year. In some parts of the Great Plains, about 20 percent of the value of crops is lost to hail annually.

Animals are at risk, too. Around 200 sheep were killed by hail in 1978 in Montana and a hailstorm in Alberta, Canada in July of 1953 is said to have killed 36,000 ducks.

There have been only two known hail fatalities in the United States this century. A farmer near Lubbock, Texas was caught outside on May 13, 1930 during a hailstorm and was beaten so severely by large hail that he died within a few hours. The other fatality occurred in Ft. Collins, Colorado on July 30, 1979 when a large hailstorm killed a baby.

Thankfully, hailstorms are rare in Florida, particularly the size of grapefruits. In most cases the only grapefruits we have to worry about are the edible ones.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.

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13th Annual Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee is set for April 24

The Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee Committee is proud to announce the 13th Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee will be held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the South Florida Operations Office in Clewiston on Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The following activities are planned for this year:

Native Tree/Vegetation Planting: Assist U.S. Army Corps Biologists in planting native trees and vegetation along the Herbert Hoover Dike. Several different types of vegetation will be planted in different areas and biologists will be on hand to direct the plantings and give explanations of the activities. This activity is recommended for those volunteers above the age of 10.

Seedling-Planting: Help us prepare for future planting events by planting seedlings. Seedlings of several native tree species will be planted in seedling pots and then cared

for throughout the year. These trees will then be planted during future Take Pride events. This activity is recommended for ages 10 and under.

Wildlife Boxes: Take this opportunity to assist Corps employees in constructing habitat boxes for various types of wildlife. The boxes will be placed at various locations around the lake as habitat. This activity is recommended for ages 14 and under.

Beautification Project: Join Park Ranger Jerre Killingbeck as he plants native vegetation around the lake. Pre-registration is required and all materials will be provided.

Afternoon Entertainment: Environmental booths will be set up for volunteers to learn more about Lake Okeechobee and the Surrounding Area. An awards ceremony for participants will be held at 1 p.m.

Registration will take place from 8-8:30 a.m. for Clewiston activities. Morning activities will take place from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., and a free lunch will be served from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. in Clewiston. Afternoon entertainment is scheduled from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. All-new Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee T-shirts will be on sale for \$9/adult and \$7/children throughout the day commemorating the annual event.

Pre-registration is recommended and appreciated. For more information or to pre-register, call Park Ranger Justin D. McBride at (941) 963-8101 ext. 244.

Community organizations, school groups, and individuals are invited to enjoy a day filled with exciting environmental activities for both the young and the young at heart. This year, scouting and community groups are invited to camp-out on the Hoover Dike near the South Florida Operations Office on the night of Friday, the 23rd.

Interested parties should contact Park Ranger Justin D. McBride at 963-8101 ext. 244.

Health Hints

What to do about wounds

(NAPSA) Medical science has good news, bad news and better news about cuts and wounds.

The good news is the vast majority of wounds, cuts, surgical incisions and the like heal normally without complications. The bad news is, because wounds are such a common occurrence, many people expect that they will heal regardless of circumstances and ignore them. The better news is that you can often heal a wound better and faster with a little nursing.

Heeding these wound care facts and hints may help.

- Cleanse the wound carefully with clean water. You can use a mild soap but don't use anything containing detergent. Even hydrogen peroxide can kill the new cells that help the wound close, many medical experts believe. Don't try to scrub the wound clean. This can damage the healthy tissues and slow the healing process. Flush out the dirt or debris in a fresh wound by running lukewarm water over the wound until it's clean. Of course, if the wound is serious, see a health care professional.

- Apply a first aid cream, if appropriate. This can help to keep the wound moist while it's bandaged so the new cells move more easily and the scarring may be lessened. Research has suggested that allowing a wound to scab over can cause it to heal more slowly. For serious wounds, health care providers sometimes recommend saline-soaked bandages.

- Once the wound is wrapped in a bandage, tape the bandage to itself rather than to the skin. By removing tape applied directly to the skin you

might tear skin around the wound and damage the healing process.

- For people with diabetes, a small injury or wound has the potential to lead to more serious conditions including infection, hospitalization, deep ulcers and, in some cases, amputation.

- Ask your health care professional about recent advances for treating wounds such as diabetic foot ulcers. For example, Regranex® (becaplermin) Gel 0.01% is an innovative therapy used in conjunction with good-wound care to treat deep diabetic neuropathic foot ulcers that have adequate circulation. This prescription medication is the first to actively help promote tissue growth within the wound. This easy-to-use topical gel has advanced the way certain diabetic foot ulcers are treated.

- Consult your health care professional before trying such new therapies, as they may not be appropriate for every one. For example, Regranex Gel has not been studied in superficial diabetic foot ulcers. It is contraindicated in patients with known skin cancers at the site of application and should not be used on wounds that are stitched or stapled. A small percentage of patients treated with Regranex Gel experience rash near the wound. Regranex Gel should not be used by patients sensitive to any components of this product.

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Home remedies are often based on experience

I love home remedies. Sometimes, you don't have to know why something works to accept and appreciate the fact that it does work.

Home Remedies: What Works, by the editors of Prevention Health Books, offers remedies for ailments from acne to wrinkles. Some are widely known. Others less so. For example:

- An egg white facial can help clear up acne.
- Use lemon juice to fade age spots.

- For arthritis relief, try alfalfa in tea or tablet form. For a more commonly known remedy, drink a portion of hot water with two tablespoons of vinegar and one of honey.

- For chronic back problems, get some exercise and sleep on a firm mattress. (If you actually have a back injury, check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.)

- For bad breath, use a toothbrush to brush your tongue, chew mint leaves and eat more fruits and vegetables.

- To soothe a bee sting, use a paste of baking soda, meat tenderizer, chewing tobacco or mud.
- If you are prone to bladder infections, drink more water to keep your system flushed of



By Katrina Elksen
Contributing Editor

harmful bacteria. Another well known remedy for bladder infections is cranberry juice, which changes the pH and also makes it difficult for the harmful bacteria to cling to the bladder wall. (Be sure it is real cranberry juice and not a "cocktail" beverage, which will not give you the same benefit.)

- Put witch hazel on bruises.
- Treat a burn with cool (not cold) water. Aloe is also recommended for burns. It is most helpful when it comes directly from the aloe plant. Break off a leaf and apply the sap to the burn.

- Make your own cough syrup by mixing fresh lemon juice with honey. (Never give this or anything containing honey to a child under the age of two.)

- For depression, get some exercise, adopt a pet or eat

something spicy.

- Eat cherries or drink cherry juice to relieve gout.

- Hangover "cures" include drinking lots of water, drinking orange juice, taking B vitamins and; plain old aspirin.

- For heartburn, try ginger tea, baking soda or an after dinner walk.

- A spoonful of sugar can halt the hiccups. Other hiccup cures include breathing into a paper bag or drinking a spoonful of pickle juice.

- Baking soda or oatmeal baths can ease itching skin.
- Vinegar can ease sunburn pain.

- If you can't get to the dentist right away, use cloves or clove oil to ease toothache.
- To avoid wrinkles, use plenty of sunscreen and wear a wide brimmed hat.

Home remedies are often based on anecdotal evidence. Most of them are just common sense. For more home remedies, check out the books available at your local library.

Of course, if you are under a doctor's care for any health problem, check with him/her before making any changes in diet or exercise.

And eat your breakfast. It's good for what ails you.

ER Chronicles: Do scorpions run in packs?



By Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

Jimmy screamed. In all of his seven years of life, there had never been anything so terrifying.

The sudden piercing pain in his toe, and the scurrying little critter on the bathroom tile floor created a flash of adrenaline that zoomed Jimmy toward the kitchen.

Jimmy's mother heard him well before she saw him.

"Mom! Ouch! Ow!"

Reacting to the screams, she nearly collided with Jimmy as he rounded the corner.

"What is it, Jimmy?"

"My toe! My toe! It bit me! It's in the bathroom!"

By now, Jimmy's father arrived from his office down the hall, and made his way toward the bathroom. With Jimmy peering cautiously around the edge of the door, his father found the eight-legged creature in the shower.

Whack! The unfortunate beast was now a crumpled lump.

"There, Jimmy, I took care of that bug!"

"What is it, dear?" Mom was curious, and when she saw the odd shape of this particular animal, she became worried.

"I don't know, honey. I never saw anything like this when we lived in Michigan."

Jimmy continued to cry. "It really hurts, Mom." He hopped on his good foot toward the chair.

By the time the family arrived at the ER, Jimmy's big toe was much bigger than usual. There was even

a little swelling on top of his foot.

The ER triage nurse spotted Dad carrying Jimmy, and noticed that the child was sobbing quietly.

"Hi, I'm Bill. I'm a nurse. What happened there, little fella?"

Dad thrust a glass jar toward the nurse. "Whatever this is, it bit his toe."

Having worked in Florida ERs for several years, Bill knew immediately what had happened.

"That's a scorpion. They can really sting. Where did it get you, Jimmy?"

As Jimmy revealed his swollen toe, to the nurse, several additional questions were asked.

"Does it hurt or feel funny anywhere besides the foot? Have you noticed any rash? Is anything else swelling? Any cough or trouble breathing?"

As Jimmy and Mom answered "no" to each of these questions, Bill had completed taking Jimmy's blood pressure, pulse and temperature.

"Wait here on the stretcher, Jimmy, and I'll let the doctor know you're here. While I'm gone, hold this ice pack on your toe."

This happened to be a rather quiet Wednesday evening in the ER, and Dr. Tammy Cortez was able to come to Jimmy's bed within a few minutes.

"Hi, Jimmy. I'm Dr. Cortez. Let me see that toe."

After posing many of the same questions that Bill had asked earlier, Cortez examined several areas on Jimmy's body, searching for signs of any possible allergic reaction.

"The foot seems to be the only swollen area," Cortez directed her attention toward the parents. "There are no signs of allergic reaction inside Jimmy. It seems as though this sting is only going to cause a local reaction in the foot, much like most bee stings do."

Noting the apprehension on Mom's face, Cortez continued, "We see scorpion stings quite often in the ER.

The types of scorpions we have in Florida usually don't cause as much trouble as other types, like some of the ones they have in Arizona."

Mom seemed more relaxed.

"Will we need to do anything for this?" Mom wondered.

"I'd keep ice on it this evening, and a little Benadryl might help the swelling. We'll give you a sheet that lists the symptoms of allergic reaction. You can keep an eye on him tonight. Give us a call if you have any questions."

As Cortez walked away, Jimmy sighed. Somehow, all of this didn't seem so bad anymore.

In the car, heading home, Jimmy's active mind wandered.

"Mom, do scorpions run in packs?"

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Scorpions are air-breathing invertebrates. Like spiders and ticks, they are classified as arachnids, having a segmented body with four pairs of legs but no antennae. The scorpion's narrow, segmented tail has a venomous sting at its tip, and it has a pair of pincerlike grips on its front set of legs. Scorpions bear live young.

There are 1300 species of scorpions worldwide, but only 90 within the USA. In this country, only four species occur naturally east of the Mississippi River. Scorpions use venom for prey capture and defense, with each species having a unique mixture of neurotoxins and other substances in its venom.

Only one species in the USA, the *Centruroides exilicauda* scorpion of Arizona, is considered dangerous to humans. Twenty species can be deadly worldwide.

In Florida, scorpion stings are treated much like bee stings. Although severe allergic reactions can occur, these are rare, and ice, time and occasional antihistamines are all that is required.

Web Watch

These Web sites may be useful to you:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/cdc
- American College of Emergency Physicians: www.acep.org
- Healthcare Report Cards, Inc. www.HealthCareReportCards.com

- www.HealthyFood.org provides tips for using frozen foods.

- Diabetes, Self-Care: www.LifeScan.com

- SeniorNet: <http://www.senior.net>

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It seems our Belle Glade citizens do not know why they are there or for what.
Thank you."

Who is paying?

"Who is paying for the trash dumpsters down S.W. Avenue E, between 715 and S.W. 5th Street? They're placed at random down the street. Is the city paying the bill?"

Final call

"Hi. This is my final call about the vehicles on private property issue. I'm sorry if the other caller responding has the impression I only care about the vehicle issue. I did ask for the name and number to call in regarding how to volunteer to help clean up trash in Belle Glade and it was printed in the Belle Glade Sun.

Evidently, the other caller is stuck solely on the vehicle issue. Another thing, I believe if the vehicle is in running condition and not a semi or dump truck, it would be fine on private property, but if the vehicle doesn't work, weeds are growing around it along with trash piling up, then that is a problem and it needs to be gone.

I do have a problem with trash in yards, in fact, I have contacted the city on numerous occasions regarding a trashy vacant lot just by my house and nothing gets done.

I'm sorry you see me as a complainer. I like things nice, neat and tidy. Often when people have differing opinions, we see the other person as a complainer, and obviously, that's what you see me as, and I see you differently, so we're just going to have a difference of

opinion and have to agree to disagree.
Thank you."

Thanks to Pahokee Housing Authority

"I'm the caller who called about a month ago about the Pahokee Housing Authority. I'm proud to say they are getting on their job now and I'm glad that they are. That's the only thing we asked them to do and I'm glad that they are finally fixing the roads.

I'd like to say thank you to the Pahokee Housing Authority and that's all I'm trying to say is all we asked them to do because the roads were tearing up our cars and we are glad they are finally doing the job.
Thank you."

Editor's note: We have a Speak Out we are holding until next week in order for the Pahokee Fire Department to respond. Also, in answer to the caller's question about the dumpsters on S.W. Avenue E, those are the same dumpsters that have always been used, but the city has repainted them. The city will be repainting many of the orange dumpsters to this more attractive color.

Wellington councilman's comments not appreciated

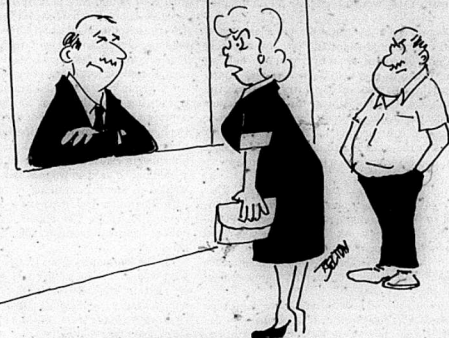
"I trust other Belle Glade citizens were as offended as I was by a comment made by Wellington Councilman Paul Adams quoted in Saturday's *Palm Beach Post*.

Recently, in Wellington, the sale of alcohol was banned after 2 a.m. Councilman Adams blamed an "unseemly element drinking between 2 and 5 a.m., people from Belle Glade," for the law's change.

Councilman Adams' blatant insult to our entire community displays, once again, the elitist and unjustified attitudes on his part and I think we deserve an apology.
Thank you."

Editor's note: Adam's full quote was, "people from the groom's quarters, people from Belle Glade." I think many of us agree with this caller that Councilman Adams' remarks were uncalled for and insulting to the many Belle Glade residents who are tired of this type of negative blanket labeling.

CLERK COURT



"DO YOU HAVE MARRIAGE LICENSES THAT CAN BE RENEWED ANNUALLY?"

Parents to find help in the fight against youth drug abuse

By Mark W. Merrill
Family First

For almost three decades America has witnessed the devastation of some of its youth by drug abuse. Recently, Florida's new governor, Jeb Bush, went beyond declaring a renewed war on drugs. He called in the military to help him launch the attack. At the state's Drug Control Summit in February, Bush introduced retired Army Colonel James R. McDonough as his first drug czar to lead the state in this tough battle. And while McDonough is the *Czar*, Bush's drug policy actually targets parents as the most needed recruits for combat.

In his "Four Fronts" plan to battle illegal substance use, Bush maps out an offensive using awareness, enforcement, prevention, and treatment. But Bush says, "...parents, not law enforcement will be the first line of defense against the scourge of teenage drug abuse. Parents must be the generals in the drug war."

But can parents effectively wear a general's stripes in this battle? Unfortunately, the enemy's onslaught has intimidated and misinformed moms and dads, because many of them answer, "No." According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, 40 percent of parents believe they have little influence over a child's decision to use drugs.

The stories, however, from the front line contradict that belief. When parents break

ranks, or go AWOL, the victory of keeping their kids drug-free often slips away. The journal, *Adolescence*, says boys who grow up without a father in the home have the highest levels of marijuana use. And girls suffer a war-like, post-traumatic stress type syndrome of their own. *The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* reports that, "adolescent girls who had experienced parental divorce when they were younger than six, or between six and nine years old, became involved with drugs more often than girls from intact families.

You need only look to Florida's Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to find even more evidence of the power of parental influence. Nearly 80 percent of children admitted to Florida delinquency programs last year were from single-parent homes. Furthermore, drug offenders are the fastest growing population in the juvenile justice system. The DJJ received more than 14,000 cases in that category last year.

The governor isn't expecting parents to fight this conflict alone. His proposed "Drug Action Council" will try to effectively and efficiently coordinate the dozens of state agencies already in the trenches. Right now, the state's juvenile crime intervention and prevention efforts are spread among more than 23 agencies. The combined cost of those for 1988 was \$1.2 billion. With that much money (and potential for good) at stake, Florida

needs to coordinate these programs and tie their funding to their performance.

The DJJ should also direct more of its dollars to aftercare. Currently, barely five percent of the Department's budget funds this area and, too often, recovering juveniles are not supported in their transition back to their homes and communities. Governor Bush has already called for more aftercare for adult prisoners, saying, "Punishment alone will not break the cycle of dependency, nor stop crime." That philosophy should be followed with younger offenders as well.

Finally, the state needs to tap into a much praised but underused program, the Faith Community Network. The DJJ has recruited more than 700 faith-based organizations to work with at-risk and delinquent youth. It should now follow up on its goal to have a steering committee, made up of priests, pastors, youth ministers, and other clergy in each of Florida's counties.

Florida's governor realizes that it is futile to clean up our streets if we don't win our children's hearts and minds. So he has launched his war on drugs with fighting words. Now it's up to parents to weigh the dangers of the battle field and respond to the rallying cry.

Mark W. Merrill is president of Family First and served on Governor Bush's Criminal Justice and Public Safety transition team.

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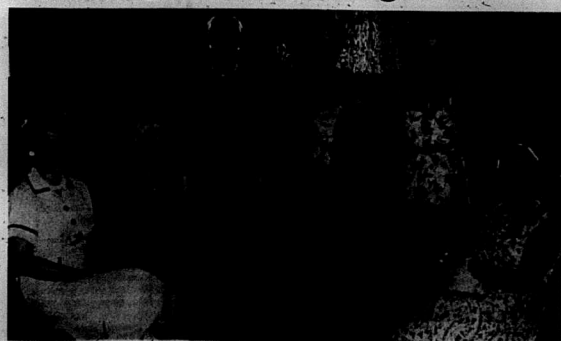
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Looking Back Through Time...



The above photo was taken in the early 1950s and shows some of the members of the Woman's Club of Belle Glade.

Black Gold Notes

By Dianne Carter, Jubilee Chairman

Kid's Korner

The 1999 Black Gold Jubilee will provide more children's activities and games than ever before! Many of the games will be absolutely free of charge due to sponsorship by local businesses and organizations. Kids will find a free Super Slide, free Kiddie Train, free Balloon Lagoon, and free Bounce House. Older kids will have a couple of great new challenges this year with the all new Rock Climbing Wall and a fun-packed Remote Control Race Car Track.

Babies will have lots to show off about with the traditional Baby Crawl, so Grandmas and Grandpas, Aunts and Uncles get your cameras ready! Toddlers and kids of all ages will have a multitude of fun games, including a "Muck" Eating Contest, Egg & Spoon Race, Water Balloon Race, Three Legged Race and Face Painting.

Arts & Crafts

Bring your biggest shopping bag and a little cash and get ready to find some of the best bargains in the Glades. The '99 Jubilee Arts & Crafts Show promises to provide hours of browsing and shopping pleasure. Get ready to enjoy the beautiful flowers and plants of the spring season, and make plans to take a few of them home for your own front porch or backyard patio. There will be an all-new addition to this year's flower show - watch for it at the Jubilee!

Food, Food, Food

Forget your diet for a day, and bring your appetite to the Jubilee and enjoy some of the best Glades food ever. The day is not complete without some good old Muck Sausage or Gator Taters, as well as tons of other delicious stuff.

Be sure to save room in your tummy for some of the finest homemade goodies and sweets

known to the Glades.

Entertainment

Jubilee goes will have three venues to choose from this year. The traditional Entertainment Tent will host a variety of local artists and performers. The beautiful pavilion Sunset Deck was added last year, and will be a favorite spot to catch some of the local kids' performances, as well as dancers from the coast. The Lakeside Concert Stage is back with Palm Beach County's Artie Ketcham, Martin County's Nicole Niles, and nationally known country music artist Jeff Carson.

Some of the Glades own best talent will finish out the evening on the Lakeside Concert Stage with performances right up to the grand finale fireworks.

Check The Sun and listen to 'Cousin Dave' on Big Dawg Radio, WBVG for further details.

See you at Black Gold!!

Country music's Mark Chestnutt, BlackHawk and Linda Davis headline 13th Annual Sugar Festival

America's sweetest town, Clewiston, will host the 1999 Sugar Festival on Saturday, April 17, presenting country music greats Mark Chestnutt, BlackHawk and Linda Davis. The festival will be held at Clewiston City Park beginning at 10 a.m. with a full day of live entertainment, food, arts and crafts, and family fun.

Admission to the Sugar Festival and country music concert is free, and plenty of free, convenient parking is available.

Linda Davis kicks off the country music line-up at 1 p.m. Best known for touring with Reba McEntire, Davis has also released her own singles, including, "Some Things Are Meant To Be" and "I Wanna Remember This."

Performing at 3 p.m. is the harmony trio, BlackHawk, featuring Van Stephenson, Henry Paul and Dave Robbins. The group's hit singles "Every Once in a While," "I Sure Can Smell the Rain," "Down in Flames" and "That's Just About Right" all reached the Top 10. The release of BlackHawk's fourth album *The Sky's the Limit* has propelled the band to new heights with a collection of sure-fire hits.

Headliner, Mark Chestnutt

takes the stage at 5 p.m. with his traditional country music flavor. As one of country music's top performers, eleven of Chestnutt's singles have hit the top of the charts, three albums went platinum, and two gold. His newest release, "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing," offers Chestnutt fans a wide range of country music choices, from honky-tonk to Cajun to the album's big ballad (the title cut).

"The Sugar Festival has been growing over the years, and this year we decided we were ready to make a big splash with our country entertainment," said Jane Parrish, Sugar Festival committee chair. "We hope people from all over Florida will drive out to Clewiston and celebrate a successful harvest with us."

This year's Sugar Festival is dedicated to William T. "Bill" Stitt of Clewiston, who has farmed in south Florida for the past five decades. Stitt started off cattle farming, and together with his son, John, expanded the family farm to include sugarcane and citrus over the last two decades. "Stitt is a pioneer of Hendry County farming who has made significant contributions to Florida farming over the years through his involve-

ment in the Hendry County Farm Bureau, the Hendry County Cattlemen's Association and other agencies," said Mrs. Parrish.

Other festival entertainment includes the tropical Bahamas Junkanoo Revue, the festive Mora Arriaga Mariachi Group from Miami and the Faithful Men Gospel Quartet from Tampa.

The festival will also have a variety of food booths, an arts, crafts and antique fair, an exhibit of farming equipment, a car and motorcycle show, antique tractors and old fashioned cane grinding. For the athletically inclined, the festival starts off at 7:30 a.m. with a 5K run/walk, and festival goers can also join the annual horseshoe tournament.

The annual Sweet Taste of Sugar Country Dessert Contest and Auction will be held at the Clewiston Inn. Saturday morning, judges will select the dessert winners, and then the public can participate in the silent auction bidding for the desserts from noon to 2 p.m.

There will be plenty of entertainment for kids in the children's area, which has a \$10 admission charge.

For more information call 941-902-2409.

Sun Spots

Black Gold Volleyball applications available

The Black Gold Jubilee Volleyball Tournament is set to begin on Saturday, April 24 at 9 a.m. at the Belle Glade Marina.

Applications to enter a team in the tournament are available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, City Hall or at Glades Day School. Deadlines are April 16. T-shirts will be given to each participant. The tournament is limited to the top 10 teams. Contact Dick Schmidt at 996-6029 days or 996-8782 evenings for more information.

Steak Night at Pahokee Elks Lodge

Members and guests are invited to enjoy steak night every Saturday evening at the Pahokee Elks Lodge. Reservations are requested. Call 924-7727 for more information.

Wanted: Classmates from the Class of 1990

A planning committee for the class reunion of the class of 1990, Glades Central, is seeking former class members.

There will be a meeting on April 11 at 4 p.m. at Sticks' place, 340 N.W. 11th Street, Apt. 8.

For further information call Sticks at 914-0793 after 10 p.m. on weekdays or anytime on the weekend. Classmates can also call Lula at 992-9326.

The Great American Cleanup

Make plans now to join thousands of volunteers of all ages across America who will be taking part in efforts to clean up and improve their local communities this April 3.

In celebration of Earth Day and Keep America Beautiful Month, the cities of Belle Glade and Pahokee will host clean up events.

Both events will begin at 8 a.m. In Belle Glade, volunteers are asked to go to the Glades Boys & Girls Club at the Lake Shore Civic Center and in Pahokee, participants are encouraged to go to the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce.

Volunteers needed

The Pahokee boys facility is looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of young men by tutoring, being mentors and role models, and serving as guest speakers in career areas.

The facility is home to 350 youth between the ages of 14 to 18. If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of these young men please call the Volunteer Coordinator at 924-5922, Ext. 207.

Glades Central is offering video

Glades Central High School's Television Production program is offering highlight videos of the school's "Road to the State Championship," including the

victory at the Gator Bowl in December. First edition tapes will be on autographed and numbered gold cassettes limited to 100. The cost is \$15 and can be ordered by calling 993-4431. Proceeds will benefit the school's production department.

Easter pictures

This Easter Sunday Easter pictures will be taken by Adriane Vereen from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in the annex. The church is located at the corner of 10th and Avenue C, across from Lake Shore Middle School, Belle Glade.

For more information call Mr. Vereen at 992-4000 or 996-3918 or 996-2340.

Outreach Day

High school seniors are invited to Palm Beach Community College for April outreach days to learn about PBCC's offerings as well as its clubs, organizations, etc. For more information call 992-6162.

Ribbon cutting

The public is invited to the Learning Center ribbon cutting at the Belle Glade Branch Library on Tuesday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m. Come see the new computers and Children's Learning Center, funded by a Gates Library Foundation Grant.

Refreshments will be served. The Belle Glade Branch Library is located at 530 South Main Street, Belle Glade. Phone number is 996-3453.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 675 complaints, worked 7 crime scenes and gave 40 traffic citations the week of March 22-28.

Those arrested included:

March 22 - Eanest Woods, 19, throwing a deadly missile or object at a moving vehicle, and possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Haimi Casavos**, 33, domestic battery.

March 23 - Juvenille 11, contempt of court.

March 24 - Fitzgerald Knowles, 27, domestic battery; **Juvenille 17**, violation of probation; **Faubert Louis Jeune**, 38, domestic battery.

March 25 - Jerome Rollins, 35, burglary of an auto and petty theft.

March 26 - Jose Antonio Vazquez, 20, aggravated domestic assault; **Alvin Biggs**,

23, robbery with a firearm, petty theft, **Faubert Louis Jeune**, 38, aggravated stalking.

March 27 - Desmond Bailey, 38, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; **Juvenille 17**, gambling.

March 28 - James Redd, 63, stalking.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 2 arrests the week of March 21-27.

Those arrested included:

March 21 - No arrests made.

March 22 - Sam Young, 51, violation of the open container law.

March 23 - No arrests made.

March 24 - Henry Novak, 38, warrant arrest.

March 25 - No arrests made.

March 26 - No arrests made.

March 27 - No arrests made.

CRIME STOPPERS



Byron Young
Crime Stoppers of Palm

Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Byron Young**, who is wanted for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and contempt of court.

Young is a black male, 6'4" tall, and weighs 225 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is December 27, 1964. His last known address was 224 N.W. 13th Street, Apartment 2,

Belle Glade.

His Social Security number is 267-79-1934 and his last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of March 23, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Young, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Burton, 909	Jeff Burton, 808	Ron Hornaday, 350
2. Bobby Labonte, 907	Matt Kenseth, 800	Stacy Compton, 330
3. Dale Jarrett, 847	Mark Martin, 797	Andy Houston, 320
4. Jeff Gordon, 790	Mike McLaughlin, 781	Mike Wallace, 301
5. Terry Labonte, 786	Elton Sawyer, 780	Rick Crawford, 297
6. Mark Martin, 780	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 768	Mike Stefanski, 294
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 770	Randy LaJoie, 694	Kevin Owenski, 288
8. Ward Burton, 749	Kevin Lepage, 693	Jack Sprague, 272
9. Mike Skinner, 734	Jason Keller, 690	Greg Biffle, 271
10. Michael Waltrip, 710	Jeff Green, 687	Scott Hansen, 261

TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- (1) Jeff Gordon Not a big Texas fan
- (2) Bobby Labonte Showed his courage
- (3) Jeff Burton Still leads points
- (4) Mark Martin Crushed while leading
- (5) Dale Jarrett Drove to win
- (6) Jeremy Mayfield Drove through the pack
- (7) Ward Burton Bad luck-bit him
- (8) Rusty Wallace Back in tune
- (9) Terry Labonte Home-state hero
- (10) Tony Stewart Sixth again

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway (all-star race)	Concord, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 3	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Terry Labonte, originally from Corpus Christi, Texas, charmed his native-state fans with a victory in the Primaristo 500 at Texas Motor Speedway. Labonte outduelled Dale Jarrett to claim the 21st victory of his career. The race ended under caution after Labonte's Chevrolet edged ahead of Jarrett's Ford with 11 laps to go.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Mark Martin extended his all-time record for BGN victories with his 36th in the Coca-Cola 300 at TMS. By all rights, the victory should have gone to Martin's youthful ward Matt Kenseth. The rain-delayed and shortened Busch Grand National race lasted long enough for the Wisconsin driver to demonstrate the clear superiority of his No. 17 Chevrolet. Instead, Kenseth finished 17th. "It was our lucky day," said Martin. "Matt Kenseth had us beat, but luck beat him."

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Ron Hornaday won the season's second event at Phoenix International Raceway, edging longtime rival Jack Sprague.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Joe Nemechek vs. Everyone else on the track

Nemechek takes it as his personal duty to evaluate his colleagues on the Winston Cup circuit. Sunday's comments were typical: "Some cars are so slow that they just keep getting in the way and everybody gets bottlenecked. That's just how it goes. People have got to use their brains a little bit more."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Just call Nemechek a Pollyanna. He never makes a mistake and never fails to notice anyone else's. Funny how he's never held anybody up. Also funny how he's never won a race."

AROUND THE GARAGE

Little's crew chief comments on decline of Johnson, Waltrip

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

JUSTIN, Texas — Jeff Hammond, presently Chad Little's crew chief, spent years working in that capacity with Darrell Waltrip on Junior Johnson's team, and he had some interesting remarks earlier this week concerning legendary figures and their declines.

Johnson left the sport, selling his team in the 1995-96 off-season after several years of decline.

"Junior got caught up in two things," said Hammond. "No. 1, the politics of the business changed tremendously. Junior is not really a flashy guy, he keeps things on a simple level, and the sport went from pork-and-beans, crackers and a Coke to steak and lobster and

caviar. Junior felt like he really didn't fit in anymore, and he lost a lot of the interest that I had kept him going. He wound up in a situation where he had a lot of outside interests with his farm and a desire to have a family."

"If you're not focused, you're not successful," and Waltrip, whose hall-of-fame career has been in decline for most of this decade? "Darrell had gotten to the point where he pretty much had a mindset of what he wanted to do in a lot of situations, and it made it difficult to inject new ideas and develop new ways to set up a car," said Hammond.

Chad Little, Hammond's current driver, spends a lot of time studying past race records, analyzing shock (absorber) graphs, critiquing

his own driving, listens a lot, and weighs all the factors well. He studies his own strengths and weaknesses as well as the team's. Darrell had gotten to the point where those things weren't important to him."

WOULD YOU BELIEVE? Steve Grissom, who does not currently have a Cup ride, finished in the top 10 in both previous Texas Motor Speedway races. Bobby Labonte and Terry Labonte extended that streak by a year this year.

ER FUN FACT: Matt Kenseth has appeared in two Winston Cup races and posted top-10 finishes both times. He substituted for Bill Elliott at Dover last year and finished sixth. After relieving

113.566 mph, March 16, 1996

Race record: Mike McLaughlin, Chevrolet, 82.972 mph, March 15, 1998
Notable: This is the series' eighth appearance on the .596-mile track. ... No one has ever won this race more than once. ... A Ford has never won. ... Nashville native Casey Atwood sat on the pole for last year's race.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Coming up: BellSouth Mobility 320
Where: Speedway USA, Nashville, Tenn.
When: Saturday, April 3
Defending champion: Mike McLaughlin

Track qualifying record: Sterling Marlin, Chevrolet

ON THE SCHEDULE

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Coming up: NAPACARD 200
Where: Evergreen Speedway, Monroe, Wash.
When: Saturday, April 3
Defending champion: Jack Sprague
Qualifying record: Rich Bickle, Chevrolet, 100.397 mph, May 9, 1997

Race record: Mike Bliss, Ford, 81.286 mph, May 11, 1996

Notable: Ron Hornaday, Bliss, Bickle and Sprague are the previous winners at this .646-mile oval track. ... This is the 100th race in series history, and each of the five drivers who have competed in every race is eligible for a \$100,000 bonus for winning this year's event.

PROFILE

Chad Little

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

Chad Little is probably NASCAR's most educated driver. After earning a marketing degree from Washington State University, Little graduated from Gonzaga University's law school.

But Little has never practiced law. The one-time all-city running back was track champion at his local speedway by 1981, and by 1987, he was champion of NASCAR's Winston West Series.

What's more, Little has a sense of humor. He lists his favorite professional athlete as "Speed Racer."

AGE: 35

WIFE: Donna



Chad Little began his career in 1986.

CHILDREN: Jesse (2 on April 15), Haley (1)

HOMETOWN: Born and raised in Spokane Wash.; lives in Charlotte, N.C.

CAR: No. 97 John Deere Ford Taurus, owned by Jack Roush

FIRSTS: Start (June 1, 1986, at Riverside), pole (none), win (none)

CAREER STATS: 161 starts, 0 poles, 1 top-five finish, 12 top-10s, more than \$3.1 million in career earnings

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Trackside Trivia

- Who won the first race ever held in NASCAR's Busch Grand National Division?
- Who won the first qualifying race ever held at Daytona?
- Who was the first man at Daytona to sweep the pole, qualifying race and 500?

Answers:
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Local School News

Glades Day Honor Roll

Fourth six weeks honor roll from Glades Day School is listed below:

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Preston Baez
Amanda Browder
Nathan Edwards
Erin Francis
Josh Irey
Ian Orduna
Amanda Orsenigo
Andrea Payret

8th Grade

All A's

Natalie Alvarez
Sadie McKee
Nicky Sanchez

A's & B's

Mason Alston
Gary Brooks
Ronny Brown
Brian Gummere
Blake Herring
Brock Markham
Sweta Patel
Brannan Thomas

9th Grade

All A's

Hela Barhoush
Matt Sanchez

A's & B's

Dustin Echenique
Stephanie Lynn
Chandra Manuel
Chris Sison
Melanie Walker
eric Wingate

10th Grade

All A's

Peggy Altman
Joanna Alvarez
Heather Rice
Sarabeth Tossado

A's & B's

Chris Carter
April Doney
Eric Edwards
Kristen Gilliam
Melissa Goggans
Angie Gonzalez
Rhonda Halum
Megan Kuniansky
Donna Marie Moss
Becky Outz
Denise Penuel
Matt Prescott
Kristina Sanchez
Marybeth Tynik
Ashley veale
Heather York

11th Grade

All A's

Kelly Alvarez
Josh Braddock
Lindsay Curtis
Evelyn Pabelo
Jonathan Lively

A's & B's

Jeremy Fountain
Andy Hollingsworth
Jessica Irey
Elizabeth McDaniel
Emily Reese
Kelly Salvatore
Farrah Shuts
Cory Wilcox

12th Grade

All A's

Derek Lamb
Eddie Motes
Brooke Prescott

A's & B's

Jamila Abraham
Crystal Brown
Josh Crawford
Jake Davis
Kit Hamilton
Wesley Hawk
Jennifer Pate
Donnie Scruggs

My trip to Washington, D.C.

By LaWanda Everett
Pahokee Elementary Student

Palm Beach County Safety Patrol Association made four trips to the Nation's capital this past month. During the week-end of March 18 through March 22, 1003 fifth and sixth grade students enjoyed the trip. Students from local Glades Elementary Schools made up 15 percent of this population.

On Thursday morning, parents watched as their children left the bus port of Pahokee Elementary, some even followed us to the train station. Students who attended the trip from Pahokee Elementary are:

Defonza Angram, Griselda Flores, April Golphin, April Harrison, Tequila Hopson, Justin Jenkins, Robert Johnson, Mikia Joseph, Rashonda Kelly, Curtis Lee, Stephanie Louis, Raqueria Murvin, Kendra Phillips, Jaleesia Powell, Leonard Rolle, Crystal Sterling, Rashinda Thomas, Rashunda Washington, Nikita White and Kenteria Young.

The students enjoyed a 20-hour train ride from West Palm Beach to Washington, D. C.

We arrived in the capital city on Friday morning and immediately began our tour.

We started out at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, to learn how money is made and the different stages money goes through before coming to our local banks. The students then enjoyed "Daniel's story" portrayed in real life at the Holocaust Museum.

After lunch, we visited the Lincoln, Vietnam and Korean Memorials.

Later that evening, we visited Ford Theater, where President Abraham Lincoln was shot and the

Peterson House across the street where he died. After dinner, we saw the Two Jima Memorial, which is beautifully lit at night.

Early Saturday morning after breakfast, we went to Virginia to visit Mt. Vernon. George Washington's family owned this property. He and his wife, Martha raised her children there. We got a change to go through the house and view the slave quarters.

We enjoyed lunch on the top floor of the John F. Kennedy and his family; his brother, Robert Kennedy; the tomb of the Unknown Soldier; and the memorial dedicated to crew of the U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger.

We went to the National Zoo to see the panda. We then went to the memorial dedicated to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

It is the largest memorial dedicated to a president, displaying his historic three-term tenure as president (1933 - 1945).

On Sunday, we visited the outside of the White House and Capital buildings before going to the Smithsonian Institution. We spent the last few hours in Washington in three of the seven Smithsonian Buildings.

The students spent most of their time with students from K.E.C. Canal Point Elementary and Belle Glade Elementary on the bus. We shared Car 8 on the train with Pioneer Park, Canal Point, Belle Glade and Hagen Road Elementary.

The sponsors were Barbara Williams, Gloria Williams, Nani Dupee, Sharon Angeloni, Richard Gill, Hoover Tolbert, Jim Sojoodi, Mindy Magden and LaWanda Everett helped to make this a fun and enjoyable experience for the students.

Social News

Xi Zeta Mu

The "Girl of the Year" vote was held and a social was scheduled to celebrate.



Girl of the Year Janise Goforth (right), with Jane Evans (left)

Iota Omicron Zeta

Iota Omicron Zeta Chapter recognized 20 Glades area churches at this year's Proud Heritage Celebration Banquet held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The oldest was Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church founded in 1925 at Hughes Quarters in Pahokee.

The other churches recognized were New Bethel AME, Friendship Baptist and Glorious Community Holiness Church of the Apostolic Faith in Clewiston, New Bethel AME, Church of God, Mt. Calvary in South Bay, Mt. Olive in Bitta, Mt. Olive in Lake Harbor, Mt. Calvary Raderville, St. John First Baptist, New Bethel Baptist, Mt. Zion AME, Glorious Community Holiness Church in Belle Glade, New Macedonia, Church of God, Greater New Hope, St. James AME in Pahokee, United (formerly Mt. Moriah) Missionary Baptist in Bryant.

Local artist Donald Neal displayed art-work at the banquet.

On Sunday, March 14, Mrs. Shirley Morris sponsored the Gospel Explosion at the Mt. Zion AME Church. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Morris and the Mt. Zion family for the use of their facility.

The culminating event for the week was the 19th Annual Afro Arts Festival. A special thank you goes to Adrien (Big A) Vereen for photos, Eddie Rhodes and John Holman (Parade Marshall's float), Hoover Tolbert, Jr., Corey Wilkerson and Juel Everett for the state and the City of Belle Glades Parks and Recreation crew as well as all the others that helped make this day a success. Plans for next year's festival are underway. To join the Executive Board contact Winifred Tolbert at 966-4574, Robbie Everett at 924-5126 or Anna Little at 941-983-6815. The committee meets monthly and is looking for new ideas and suggestions for next years festival.

Nu Kappa

The Nu Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held it's annual Girl of the Year at the Drawbridge Cafe on Friday, March 26. This year's honoree was Nora Ornelas. She was presented with a "Girl of the Year" charm and bouquet of yellow flowers with black ribbon strewn throughout. Betty Hodges, last year's recipient, organized a wonderful dinner and presented a beautiful program as she announced this year's recipient. She also presented each of the members in attendance with a yellow rose and a special message. Attending the social were Betty Hodges, Nora Ornelas, Marsha Smith, Becky White and Julie Zambrory.



Group 44 from Belle Glade Elementary with sponsor Barbara Williams in from of the White House during the safety patrol's recent trip to Washington D.C. Below: Students from Canal Point and Pahokee Elementary School at Arlington National Cemetery.



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Obituaries

Week of March 25, 1999

Rafaela Ruiz, 57, of Pahokee died Sunday, March 21 at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pahokee.

Mrs. Ruiz is survived by her mother, Juana, husband Bonifacio Ruiz of Pahokee; daughter, Maria Ruiz, Graciela Ruiz, Guadalupe Ruiz and Consuelo Ruiz, all of Pahokee; Yolanda Ruiz of Belle Glade; sons, Juana Ruiz of Pahokee, Bonifacio R. Ruiz of Pahokee, Jorge Ruiz of Belle Glade; brothers Anselmo Rodriguez, Teodoro Rodriguez of Texas and 23 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pahokee. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery. Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel.

Carrie Howell Humphries Unwin, 66, died in LaBelle on March 22. She was born Sept. 4, 1910 in Tupelo, Ms. to Charlie Howell and Frances Eaden Howell. She moved to Blackman, Fl. and was married to W.A. (Buck) Humphries in 1929. They moved to Pahokee in 1933, where they lived until his death in 1954. She was married to W.V. (Bill) Unwin in 1957, who died in 1990. She was a resident of Pahokee for 58 years and moved to LaBelle in 1991.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law Charles and Martha Ray Humphries of LaBelle, two granddaughters, Cindy Crittenden and Heidi Humphries of LaBelle, one great-grandson, Nathan Willis of LaBelle and two sisters, Elizabeth Ray of Baker, Fl. and Nell Stewart of Ft. Pierce.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 25 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home Chapel, in LaBelle with the Rev. Frank Deerey officiating. Interment will follow at Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Services by Akin-Davis Funeral Homes in LaBelle.
Judy Mae Sapp, 85 of Morriston and former long-time Pahokee resident, died Saturday, March 27 in Williston.

A native of Bradley Junction, Fla., she was born on June 17, 1913, the daughter of the late Preston Lee and Ida Duncan Garrett.

In 1938 she moved to Pahokee from Arcadia, where she made her home until moving to Morriston two years ago. Prior to her retirement in 1978, she was a school bus driver for the Palm Beach County School System for 25 years. A fifty-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, she served as Worthy Matron and Treasurer of Pahokee Chapter Number 184. She was presently a member of Sugarland Chapter Number 220.

Mrs. Sapp was a long time member of the First Baptist Church in Pahokee. She was married to Meakin J. "Jay" Sapp on January 1, 1935 and preceded in death by him on January 9, 1992. She was also preceded in death by son - M.J. Sapp, Jr. in 1942; brother - J.C. Garrett in 1991; sisters - Rosalee Garrett in 1932 and Ola Johnson in 1992.

Surviving are: her daughter and son-in-law - Marie Hughes Collins and Roland Collins of Ocala; sisters - Charity Williams of Arcadia and Mozelle Frederick of Homestead; grandchildren - Judy K. Funderburk of Morriston, Madonna Otto and her husband Mark of Morriston, Johnny Hughes of Sebastian; great grandchildren - Becky Hopping and her husband Michael of Williston, Richie Funderburk and Jeremy Otto both of Morriston; A.J. Hughes and Ryan Hughes both of Belle Glade.

The funeral service was conducted Tuesday, March 30 in the Canal Point Baptist Church. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, officiated. Interment followed in Port Mayaca Memorial Park.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee had charge of the arrangements.

James Ray Matherly Jr., age 26, of Canal Point, died Saturday, March 27 in an automobile accident.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, he was born on January 30, 1973, son of the former Elvena Watson and the late James Ray Matherly Sr. He had made his home in Canal Point for the past years having moved here from Kentucky. He was employed with A-1 Auto Repair. He was a member of the Manly Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Surviving are: his mother - Vena Lucey of Canal Point; son - Kevin Daniel Matherly of Decatur, Alabama; brother - Timothy Lucey of Canal Point; sister - Pamela Pantoja of Pahokee; paternal grandfather - Carl Joseph Matherly of Louisville, Kentucky; several aunts and uncles.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, April 1 at 5 p.m. in the chapel of the James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, Canal Point Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky. Friends may call the funeral home through the afternoon from 4 p.m. until the funeral hour. The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee has charge of the arrangements.

Thomas D. Collier, 52 of St. Cloud died on Wednesday, March 24. A native of Pahokee, he had been a resident of Kissimmee/St. Cloud for over 20 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served during the Vietnam Wars.

Mr. Collier was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 4225 and American Legion Post 10.

He is survived by his loving companion, Eileen Phillips of St. Cloud; step-mother, Mildred Collier of Winter Haven; brother, Charles (Teryl) Collier of Canal Point, sisters, Laura (Phillip) White of Okesechoke, Paula (Ronnie) Berry of Lake Placid; four nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services were held at the VFW Post 4225 in Kissimmee on Sunday, March 28.

Thank You

Our family is very appreciative and humbled by the outpouring of love from people in our community. Debras' recent surgery could not be dealt with as well with out the help of others in our time of crisis. It makes us honored to be residents of this great community. Truly, the people are the heart of the Glades.

Paul, Debra,
Jonathan & Courtney Allen



SO PROUDLY YOU SERVE

Marine Cpl. Daniel P. Scott, son of Jack E. Scott of Belle Glade recently completed an exercise in Kuwait while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

Marines from Scott's unit participated in Exercise Eager Mace, a 25-day exercise involving combined arms training. The exercise was conducted to improve the bilateral interoperability between Kuwait and U.S. military forces. It was the largest exercise Scott's unit will participate in during the deployment and enabled his unit to train with all of its weapons systems in a live-fire environment.

Scott's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually every environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element.

Scott is a graduate of Glades Day School.

Army Staff Sgt. Patrickson Toussaint arrived for duty at the Vikeck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

Toussaint is a construction engineering supervisor with the 94th Engineer Battalion.

He is the son of St. Jean E. Toussaint of N.E. 132nd Terrace, North Miami.

His wife, Army Staff Sgt. Tanya W. Toussaint, is the daughter of Rupert E. and Victoria Raymond of Belle Glade.

Army Staff Sgt. Tanya W. Toussaint arrived for duty at the Vikeck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

Toussaint is an administration sergeant with the 7th Army Training command.

She is the daughter of Victoria and Rupert E. Raymond of Belle Glade. Her husband, Army Staff Sgt. Patrickson Toussaint is the son of St. Jean E. Toussaint of North Miami.

The staff sergeant graduated in 1989 from Glades Central High School in Belle Glade and received an associate degree in 1997 from St. Leo college through the military extension program at Fort Eustis, Va.



The Gibbs Family

The Gibbs Family will perform at Miracle Temple on April 10 from 7 until 9 p.m. This Southern Gospel family group are Native Americans (cherokee) and are all members of Temple Baptist Church in Titusville. Each person in the group has a rich testimony of how Jesus saved and transformed their lives and are willing to share what He has done for them.

Pastor Alvin E. Nichols invites everyone to come listen to this exciting group. Miracle Temple is located at 104 SW 126th St. Belle Glade.



Marcie Gorman Gordley, President and CEO of Weight Watchers meeting room operations in Belle Glade for 33 years, was elected President of the W.W. Franchise Association, which represents the Weight Watchers Franchise Owners throughout the United States.

Messianic Passover seder to be held at Good Shepherd

On Thursday, April 1, Good Shepherd Church of God will host a Messianic Passover Seder.

This celebration includes a dinner meal along with a Christian explanation of the symbols and rituals of the Passover meal which Jesus shared with His disciples the night of His betrayal and arrest.

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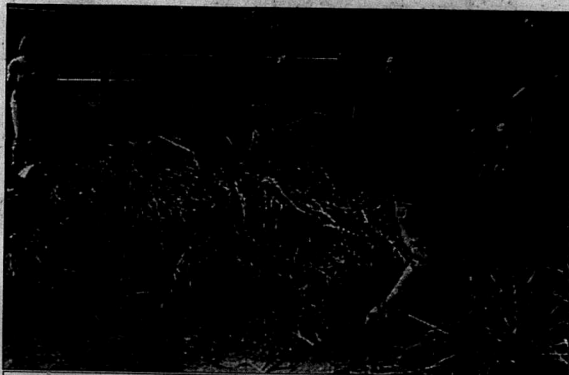
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Members of the Florida Youth Conservation Corporation get a jump start on the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful clean-up



Workers from the Florida Youth Conservation Corp. helped clean-up an area in Pahokee as part of the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful program.



Correctional officer David Taylor of Glades Correctional Institution looks on as workers from GCI help clean up Pahokee.

Thanks to the organization skills of Barbara Branch, the City of Pahokee was able to get a jump start on the Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful clean-up scheduled for Saturday, April 3.

Ms. Branch was able to contact the Florida Youth Conservation Corporation (FYCC) of Okeechobee and Glades Correctional Institution to have workers sent in this week to help with the clean-up.

David Graham, assistant supervisor of the group, brought 11 youths to the city and immediately put them to work cleaning various areas of the city.

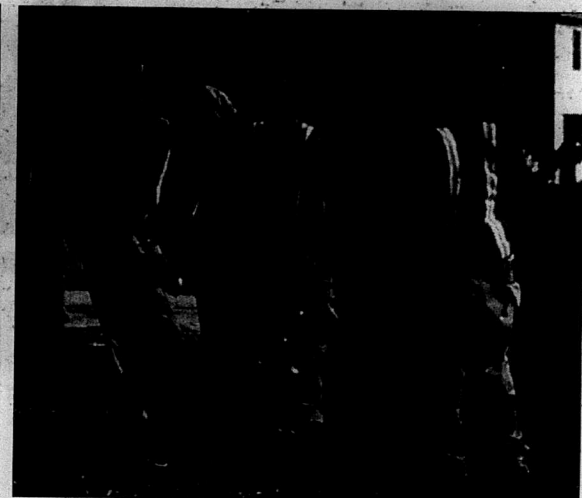
They arrived on Monday and according to Mr. Graham, compared to other jobs the youth perform, this was a day at the beach.

"We have had some very hard jobs in the past so to the students this is a pretty easy day for them," said Mr. Graham.

FYCC was founded in 1988 in accordance with the 1987 Natural Resources, Conservation Reclamation & Use Act and originally sponsored by the Florida Department of Natural Resources.

Young men and women participate in this rigorous and demanding program as a means to a brighter future for themselves as they give back to society a cleaner, safer and more beautiful environment at the same time.

Many FYCC participants want to go to college but



Members of the Florida Youth Conservation Corp. cleaning a sidewalk in Pahokee. The workers arrived on Monday to help in the clean-up of Pahokee.



Barbara Branch

couldn't even finish high school due to family problems, language barriers, lack of self-esteem and a variety of other reasons.

FYCC is a not-for-profit corporation with a goal of helping these young people achieve their goal of employment and to help them receive a college degree.

As the present time there are nine divisions of FYCC all over the state and according to Mr. Graham by the end of the year that number will double.

Projects the youth have participated in include road repairs on state roads, fencing along I-275 in central Florida, construction of sidewalks in Jacksonville

and many other projects.

Youths participating Monday included Courtney Dennis, Kerry Bigford, Herbert Littleton, Rocky Snell, Heather Shadix, William Shadix, Reagan Blackman, Tifton Allen, Desmond Henry, Caroline Goodwin and Matt Eubanks. Tiffanie Kahn and Arthur Lewis as well as Tom McCoin joined the group on Tuesday.

Also helping to jump start the clean-up were workers from the Glades Correctional Institution.

Ms. Branch kept the workers busy all week.

"I can't thank these workers and young people enough," said Ms. Branch. "They are so helpful, this

city will look wonderful by the end of the week."

Anyone wanting to help in the clean-up should come to the Chamber office on Saturday at 8 a.m. Mrs. Branch and other members will help to find areas needing work.

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Workers from Glades Correctional Institution helping in the Great American Clean-up on Monday.

Leadership Glades Tours Pahokee Youth Facility

Members of the 1998-1999 class of Leadership Glades toured the Pahokee Youth Development Center on Wednesday, March 17, as part of their "Government and Judicial System" day.

Class members toured the facility and found it to be very interesting, informative and running efficiently.

"We are pleased that the community wants to become involved and informed by touring our facility," said Alice Thompson, Community Liaison. "We are proud of the accomplishments and

successes of staff and youth. "We like to showcase the facility whenever the opportunity arises."

"This was the final day in a series of six for this class," said Danielle Penuel, Executive Director of the Belle Glade Chamber. Leadership is a successful comprehensive leadership program selected community leaders.

Applications for the class of 1999-2000 can be obtained from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce at 561-996-2745.



Students from Clewiston and Belle Glade schools enjoyed a performance of the Wiz of the West on Friday afternoon. The Missoula Children's Theatre presented the show at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. The also presented a show on Saturday afternoon and evening.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF PALM LAKE SEWER DISTRICT, INC.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Directors of Palm Lake Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of Palm Lake Water Control District for the year 1998 will be held at the office of said District in the Belle Glade office at Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the absence for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Resolving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine, and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

If a person desires to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the meeting herein referred to, or as may be made to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is made.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF EAST BAY SEWER DISTRICT, INC.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Directors of East Bay Water Control District, the annual meeting of the landowners of East Bay Water Control District for the year 1998 will be held at the office of said District in the Belle Glade office at Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida, on Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in the absence for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Resolving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine, and
3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

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NOTICE OF COMMUNION SUNDAY CITY OF SOUTH BAY

Notice is hereby given that the City of South Bay will hold a Communion Workshop, Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at 6:00 a.m. at Turner Recreational Hall, 100 Palm Beach Road, South Bay, Palm Beach County, Florida.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, they may be submitted in writing or at the time of the scheduled meeting as noted above.

Written comments should be addressed to the City Clerk, City of South Bay, 101 NW 1st Avenue, South Bay, FL 33409.

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1. Election of one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Reviewing annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
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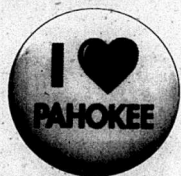
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- ◊ Treatment of Minor Injuries
- ◊ Pre-Employment and Annual Physicals
- ◊ School and Sports Physicals
- ◊ Immunizations
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- ◊ Pulmonology and Cardiology
- ◊ Gastroenterology
- ◊ General, Vascular, Orthopaedic and Hand Surgery